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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

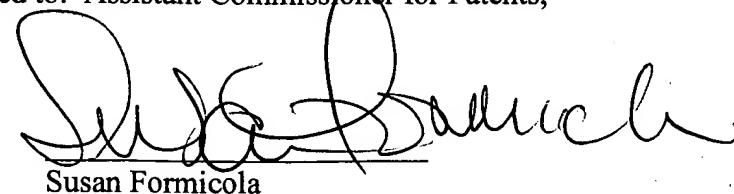
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 8-27 and 39-68 directed to differentiated human progenitor neural cell lines, a method for inducing somatic differentiation of stem cells *in vitro*, and method for producing an enriched preparation of human ES derived neural progenitor cells, for continued examination herein.

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